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5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.							
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>30-39</u> is/are rejected.	· · · - · · -						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.							
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DETAILED ACTION

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The request filed on December 22, 2003 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 09/611,290 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "protective coating comprises a plurality of windows" claim 39, lines 2-3 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Regarding claim 39, lines 1-3, it is confuse. Does applicant mean of "a plurality of conductive terminations and a plurality of windows" as the same or different of "a conductive termination", and "a window" as set forth in claim 1, lines 2 and 5?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 5. Claims 30-33 and 35-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Juskey et al. (U. S. Patent 5,232758).

Regarding claims 30 and 39, Juskey et al. discloses an apparatus (electronic device 10, 20) as shown in figures 1-2 comprising:

an electronic device (22), see column 4, lines 52-53, having an outer surface (the surface in which components 24 formed on) and a conductive termination (conductive traces 30), see column 4, line 55 (leads or pins of the components 24), on the outer surface;

a protective, conformal coating (26), see column 4, line 56), on the surface of the electronic device (22); and

a window (28), see column 4, line 64) formed in the protective coating (26) to expose a portion of the conductive termination (30 or the pins of the components 14).

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wherein the exposed portion of the conductive termination (a portion in which is not covered by the coating) is recessed in the window of the conformal coating (see top

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view of figure 1 and side view of figures 2).

As to claims 31-32, Juskey et al. discloses the coating (16) in figure 1 comprises a uniform thickness, or uniform to the geometric configuration of the electronic device (figure 1 shows a triangular shaped of the conformal coating covering the electronic device 12).

As to claim 33, Juskey et al. discloses the coating comprised a polymer, see column 3, lines 64-66.

As to claims 35-37, Juskey et al. discloses the electronic device (14) in figure 1 comprises an integrated power device (IPD), a semiconductor, or a power semiconductor (column 4, lines 29-33).

As to claim 38, Juskey et al. discloses the window (18 or 28) in figures 1-2 restricts the region of the termination (30 or the pins of the components 14 or 24) to which solder can adhere, the exposed portion defining a location for solder bond (column 4, lines 35-38).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made

7. Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Juskey et al. ('758) in view of Sutrina (U. S. Patent 5,440,172).

Juskey et al. discloses all of the limitations of the claimed invention, except for the coating comprising a polymer, and the polymer comprises poly-para-xylylene.

Sutrina shows an apparatus in figures 1-3 comprising: a conformal coating made by xylylene polymer (column 3, lines 26-37, column 4, lines 45-49).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a conformal coating such as xylylene polymer, as taught by Sutrina, employ in the apparatus of Juskey et al. in order to provide a thermal energy dissipating of apparatus.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 30-39 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant argues:

Vinciarelli does not meet the limitations of claim 30.

Examiner agrees that the Vinciarelli reference does not meet all the limitation of claim 30. However, by apply a new ground rejection, examiner shows that Juskey et al. discloses all of the limitation of claim 30 as explained in portion #5.

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Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. McLaughlin et al., Guckel et al., Shaw et al., Tyburski, Dahringer et al. disclose related art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-1929. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kammie Cuneo can be reached on 571-272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Tuan Dinh March 10, 2004.